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West Valley City Proclamation to Declare August 2009 as Neighborhood Nights Month and August 4, 2009 as National Night Out Against Crime

WEST VALLEY CITY – On July 28, 2009, a proclamation will be made during City Council meeting declaring August as Neighborhood Nights Month and August 4, 2009 as National Night Out Against Crime 2009 in West Valley City. West Valley City has participated in the event for the past 26 years since the campaign began. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and last year's event involved over 15,000 communities from all 50 states with an estimated 37 million participants. In 2008, over 30 neighborhoods throughout the City joined this national campaign to help fight crime and drug activity in their community. West Valley City's National Night Out 2008 campaign was recognized by the National Association of Town Watch as a national leader for communities with a population between 100,000 and 299,000.

According to the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

West Valley City is proud to participate in the 25th National Night Out and recognizes its value in helping neighborhoods become more organized to combat the negative influences of crime and drug activity in the community.

"Block parties can be one of the greatest ways to meet neighbors, renew friendships, and become united as a neighborhood," says Mayor Dennis J. Nordfelt.

For more information about Neighborhood Nights and National Night Out, please contact Craig Thomas, Neighborhood Services Manager, at (801) 509-1950, or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/nno

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